I recently attended a conference in Canberra where the Head of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Michael L’Estrange addressed us. He pointed out that China has now overtaken Japan as our major trading partner and while the USA is third, India is fast catching up. It was quite clear in listening to him that our survival as a nation is dependent upon our economic ties with Asia.

In many ways this is not new information, however he was speaking to the Heads of Independent Schools in New South Wales. It is clear that a great number of Australia’s leaders come, and will continue to come, from independent schools. Therefore, our schools need to be encouraging our students into courses that will aid them in their understanding of Asia.

Mr L’Estrange emphasised Mandarin Chinese, Indonesian and Japanese as the three Asian languages that Australian students should be studying – both for their own sake and for the sake of our nation.

He particularly stressed the strong need for students with Asian foreign language skills. Indeed the Department of Foreign Affairs, other major Government Departments and most of Australia’s major industries that trade overseas are seeking students with foreign language ability. Currently at Macarthur only one of the major Asian Languages – Indonesian is offered. However we are streets ahead of other NSW schools in this regard, very few offer Chinese (which we intend to do in the near future) and some offer Japanese. Indonesia is one of our major trading partners and our country benefits from that trade.

Many of our students will be making subject choices in the next month or so. It is my opinion, and clearly that of our Australia leaders, that to dismiss Indonesian out of hand, as one of their electives choices would be foolhardy for them and unhelpful for Australia.

I want to emphasise that we at Macarthur are at the cutting edge of Language teaching in this state and in Australia – I have encouraged our students to make use of what is available here by way of language teaching, not just for their own future but for the good of our nation.

It is the School’s hope that our students will give serious thought to studying Indonesian through to the HSC and consider picking up another language at University as well as international studies.

RILEY WARREN
Headmaster
FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Winter has certainly arrived, with the associated colds and flu taking its toll on both staff and students. I appreciate the effort parents are making to ensure that healthy, sustaining food is part of every child’s recess and lunch, and that uniforms are worn correctly. The students have shown outstanding Macarthur maturity in the wet weather over the past fortnight. Their commitment to learning has remained steadfast and their behaviour impeccable despite a number of recess and lunchtimes being spent indoors.

The Think Positive Performance on Tuesday 10 June was an outstanding success. Effective strategies for, and the benefits of positive thinking, were highlighted to students. Various activities and sketches showed how people react to situations and the importance of remaining positive in managing these situations. Strategies to develop and bring on a positive framework were discussed and role-played during the performance. The students enjoyed it thoroughly, especially the juggling lesson at the end, where Jackson Waters of Year 3 put in a starring role!

The students involved in the performance in the JSHAA Music Festival are working beautifully at their rehearsals, as are the cast of our musical this year. The preparations and effort being clearly shown by students, staff and parents alike augur well for wonderful performances at both of these events later in the year.

May I remind parents of the requirements to park in the carpark and not in the ‘kiss and drop’ zone in the mornings. This is a vital part of the safety and welfare of our school. At no time should vehicles be parked in the ‘kiss and drop’ zone.

I am also concerned about the lateness of many of our students in the morning. The day begins at 8.10am for Years 5 and 6 and 8.25am for Years 3 and 4. The roll is marked at this time and all absences are noted. Even if a student arrives five or ten minutes late, a late arrival note, available from the Heads of School Office and signed by a parent or guardian, must be delivered to the teacher. The School is required by law to account for absences and relies on parent support in this. I would appreciate parents making the effort to have their children at school before 8.10am or 8.25am as the case may be.

WILLIAM WALLACE
Head of Junior School

Please continue to support these missionary families with your donations and your prayers.

Jono, Amy, Lili, Isaac, Brie and Abe Vink
who work with the Church Missionary Society in Tanzania
javink@cms.org.au

Mike, Chantelle and Rachel Keith
who work for the Bush Church Aid Society in Lightning Ridge
mckeith@westnet.com.au
One of the great perils of Christian people is their lack of familiarity with the Bible which can lead to a lack of depth in one’s relationship with God the Father. This, in turn, can lead to innumerable errors in thinking, practice and behaviour; almost a warped lifestyle, disoriented and off course. I suggest respectfully that folk in this situation are blinded, often by their own arrogance, to the inappropriateness of their lifestyle and much spade-work needs to be done to rescue them from themselves.

God calls us into relationship with Himself (through His Son by His Spirit) not to walk this life alone but to daily walk with Him. He has provided His word and Spirit to help.

Why not join the Psalmist who cried out,

“I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me. When I was in distress, I sought the Lord” Psalm 77:1-2

Bring yourself to God especially if you are in the mire. Here is the essence of faith - trusting in God; relying on Him to come to your aid.

If we can help please contact Steve or Ros at Chaplaincy 46 296 225 or by email: church@mas.nsw.edu.au

STEVEN DAVIS
Chaplain

The 5 Club
Oars, Oranges, Obstacles, Opportunities, Olympics
Years T-6 for the ‘Five-O’ Experience

Cost: $7 per day (includes morning tea, craft, games, Bible story, activities, Mini-Olympics and lots of fun)
Places are limited - Registration slip & money (cash preferable) to the School Accounts office ASAP.
(Enquiries regarding the programme please contact Chaplaincy/Mrs Davis on 4629 6225)
NOTHING TO DO TONIGHT???

MACARTHUR’S GOT TALENT TOO!
FUNDRAISER FOR ST MICHAEL SCHOOL, TANZANIA
WHY NOT COME ALONG?
After last year’s sell-out crowd, another evening of fun and entertainment will be held in aid of St Michael School, Tanzania.

Tonight, Friday 13 June, 7.30pm
Macarthur Chapel

Tickets on sale at the door $5.00
Supper refreshments will be available for purchase in the Chapel foyer on the night.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS
A number of Macarthur students received awards at the Camden District Junior Cricket Association evening. Congratulations to the following boys who received a “baggy blue” cap from the Association for being members of premiership-winning teams:

Year 4 - Samuel Buckley, Jackson Buckley, Nicholas Elisha and Patrick Dickinson. Patrick also received an ‘All Rounder’ award.

Year 5 - Joel Sawyer

Year 6 - Stuart McIntosh, Thomas van der Velde, Matthew Smith and Jack Hutchins. Jack also received a ‘Wicket-keepers’ award.

Year 7 - Tynan Williams

FOUNDATION DAY
20 JUNE
10.30am CELEBRATION SERVICE
NASSA JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY
The annual NASSA Junior Cross Country Carnival was again held at our School, on a picture perfect day.

Macarthur had some excellent results: Matilda Offord came first and Ciara Platt came fourth in the 8/9 age group’s 2km course, Bessie-Lucile Platt came first and Victoria Kennet-Smith placed fourth in the 11 year’s 3km course and Braylin Altobelli placed third in 10 year’s 2km track. We also had numerous other top ten finishes. The team did very well, just missing out on fourth place by 3 points.

The following runners qualified to represent NASSA at the CIS Carnival at Eastern Creek on Friday 30 May. Matilda Offord, Bessie-Lucile Platt, Braylin Altobelli, Ciara Platt, Victoria Kennet-Smith, Emma Houghton, Courtney Cross, Paige Perich, Emmanuel Pediotis, and Lachlan Roberts.

Thank you to all the parents who came to support the athletes and to Mr Wood for managing the team.

JONATHAN BEGGS
K-6 Sport Co-ordinator

YEAR 12 LUNCHEON
Each year our Year 12 students are honoured at a special luncheon hosted by the School. As their time at Macarthur draws to an end this luncheon is also a time to thank the students for the valuable contributions they have made to the School. In the case of the current Year 12, these contributions have been varied and significant, ranging from musical, sporting and dramatic activities, to Bible Study and OASIS, Duke of Edinburgh, as well as contributions through service and leadership activities such as peer support and Thailand Outreach.

The guest speaker at the luncheon was former student, Peter McLean (Year 12, 1998). Now CEO of Keep Australia Beautiful NSW, Peter offered some helpful advice for the future to the students. In particular, Peter encouraged them to follow their passions and to remember that there are always a variety of entry pathways to the career of their choice.

In the midst of the perpetual business of preparing for assessment tasks, the luncheon gave students the opportunity to relax over a delicious meal and enjoy the company of their friends, the Headmaster and a number of their teachers. It was a memorable occasion.

JOANNE FENTON
Head of Year
From the Head of Middle School:  
MySpace Warning

MySpace is a social networking site popular among young people over the internet. Through this and similar sites young people are able to meet others and discuss themselves, problems and issues without the conventional limitations of a face-to-face conversation.

The ‘conversations’ had on such sites can be devastating for a young person who receives negative feedback about themselves, challenging their self-belief and undermining their confidence.

We should also remember the risk to young people from predatory adults through MySpace and similar sites.

This year, issues surrounding the use of Myspace and other internet chat sites have manifested themselves in the ‘real world’ of the school. This has caused distraction from the learning that should be the focus of the school day, and instead led to inappropriate playground behaviour stemming from something that may have been said in the virtual world of a chat room.

Let me encourage all students and parents to consider carefully the amount of time spent using these sites and set about strengthening friendships without the use of a virtual space open for the world to abuse.

Timothy Cartwright
Head of Middle School

Important Notice  
Change of Dates

Due to the wet weather the dates for the Junior School Athletics Carnival and the Middle School and Senior School Athletics Carnival have been changed and are now as follows:

Junior School Athletics Carnival  
Tuesday 24 June

Middle School and Senior School Athletics Carnival  
Thursday 26 June

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Bookings now open for the 2009 edition

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YEAR 11 LEARN ABOUT ROAD SAFETY

On Friday 6 June Year 11 participated in ‘U Turn the Wheel’, a workshop run by the local Rotary Club with the purpose of educating young adults about the importance of making the right choices both in life and on the road.

We attended sessions run by the police and the NRMA, as well as attending lectures about being party safe, the affects of brain trauma, car maintenance and trucks on the road whilst hearing from interesting and motivational speakers including two highway patrolmen and Vicki Lovegreen, a woman who is the victim of a car accident which left her mentally disabled.

In ‘Partysafe’ we tried on different goggles which mimicked the effects of intoxication of alcohol and being under the influence of drugs. While wearing these glasses we then had to attempt to perform activities such as walking along a line and catching a ball. The results were hilarious but it was also scary to know that there are people out there who are under these conditions and who get into cars and drive on the roads with us.

Along with learning that an extra five kilometres an hour over the speed limit almost doubles your chances of a fatal accident we learnt how to change a tyre, sat in the front seat of a semi trailer and met Eve; who’s daughter was killed in a fatal car accident five years ago. All together it was a very enlightening experience and I think everyone learnt something and had a great day.

ELYSE GLYNN
Year 11 Student

SECOND HAND INSTRUMENT REGISTER

The Parents and Friends Association has established a register for selling second-hand instruments.

Enquiries:
Mrs Hadiwibawa
46 475 333

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

 нескольких новых студентов из Китая, Гонконга и Кореи, а также студентов, которые будут с нами на следующем семестре. Все студенты должны будут закончить свой срок обучения в нашей школе. Студенты проводят в семье 42-45 недель в году, возвращаясь домой в декабре/январе и, возможно, в июле. Семьи, которые хотят принять одного из наших студентов, должны связаться с Робертом Симом, регистратурой школы, по телефону 4647 5333.
**Senior Student Study Support**

To provide an opportunity for students to prepare themselves adequately for HSC studies the School holds Senior Student Study Support two evenings per week (Tuesday and Thursday) during Autumn and Winter Terms. Years 10-12 are welcome to participate in this proven programme during these terms as they approach their School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations.

The Senior Student Study Support programme enables intensive use of school facilities and access to some staff by students in Years 10, Year 11 and 12 outside normal school hours. These sessions also assist students and their families by providing a supportive environment in which students are safe to undertake their examination and assignment preparation.

Members of the teaching staff supervise the sessions. Students are expected to work individually or in small groups. While staff will provide support and encouragement, this is not intended as an opportunity for one-on-one tutoring.

Students will not be permitted to leave the area in which the session is being held after 4.15pm or prior to 7.30pm. Normal school rules will apply.

Sessions will be held in the Library. Sessions will begin at 4.00pm and continue to 7.30pm, with a 30-minute dinner break and meal provided between 6.00pm and 6.30pm.

The Library will be available to all students as normal until 4.00pm each day.

A cost of $15.00 per student per evening will be charged. For more details contact the Administration Office.

**Andrew Kocić**

**Director of Studies**

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**Blazer gone missing? Got more school jumpers than you thought you had?**

With the change to Winter uniform, there is a large amount of lost property currently being held in the Administration Centre.

Please also check that you have only your children’s clothing as items of clothing are often put into the wrong bags in error.

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**Foundation Day Music Festival**

20 June 7.00pm - 9.00pm

All parents and students are invited to come along to share an evening of fine music and good food. Music ensembles from the Junior School, Middle School and Senior School will perform in a relaxed atmosphere.

Warm up with a sausage sandwich and enjoy the talents of Macarthur’s students.

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HSC Drama Night

Paul Newman once said, ‘Acting is a question of absorbing other people’s personalities and adding some of your own experience’, and the audience at the recent HSC Drama Evening were treated to a wonderful opportunity to observe and enjoy the developing acting skills of the Year 12 Drama students. Each member of the class has chosen performance as their individual project and on this ‘Work in Progress’ evening the audience were given a glimpse of what examiners will view later in the year.

The Year 12 students took on some very challenging dramatic monologues, including Hecuba from The Trojan Women by Euripides, Shirley Jones from Jordan: One Woman’s Journey by Moira Buffini and Anna Reynolds, and Daisy from Rhinoceros by Eugene Ionescu. Others delighted the audience with humour through such pieces as Sebastian Ludwig Amadeus Jones from A Brief History of Philosophy by Andrew (Norm) Munro and Valere from La Bete by David Hinson. The audience particularly enjoyed the group project, developed by the students themselves, which brought them all together as characters from the Cluedo game, to proclaim their innocence of the murder of Mr Black.

During the evening the Year 12 students were supported by the Year 11 Drama class, who provided two performances and assisted with backstage, lighting and front of house activities. These students too learned much during the evening as they worked to put into practise much of what they have learned in class.

Congratulations go to all who contributed to the success of the evening.

Joanne Fenton
Head of Year

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Macarthur Anglican School
School Ball

Saturday 16 August
Canterbury Park Function Centre
7:00pm Presentation of Debutantes
Tickets: $95.00 per person
Tickets available at the Macarthur Accounts Office
**From the Staffroom in Miskolc**

“We are fast approaching the end of our time in Hungary. It is amazing how quickly it has all gone and what a great time it has been.

I recently went to a commemoration in the main square remembering the Versailles Treaty after WWI, during which Hungary lost sixty percent of its land. Fortunately I had a student from the school (Dávid) with me, who speaks English, so he kept me in the loop a bit. I have really liked those cultural events, which help in understanding some of their background.

I was asked by one of the teachers last week to do a lesson with her class on Australian ‘slang’. It went really well. So well that I have done it four times since with other classes! I am unsure how much I have helped their English but they are really getting into the slang now. I have several students who are regularly saying “G’day” and “hooroo” and “see ya” now, and they seem to have a “fair dinkum” understanding of what a “bogun” and a “yobbo” is!

Last week I was taken to villages and towns well away from here by two of the staff. Beautiful countryside, wheat fields and vineyards, interesting historical sites and a castle thrown in!

Recently I met with Attila (Otti) who was at Macarthur in 2005. He sends his greetings to many and talks so fondly about his time at Macarthur and in Australia. It was also good talking with another English speaker. He is studying English at university in Debrecen, a city east of here. He has offered to come in with me to class next week to help out.

Last night I went for dinner to the home of one of the Deputies of the school with another teacher. Both these staff members will be visiting our School in August for a few weeks, so it was good talk about what they will encounter as well as my experiences here in Hungary. The Deputy lives in an outlying village, which has all the smells of the country, large snails like those that would appear as escargot on a French menu, little traffic and no sirens or church bells - peaceful!”

**Jo Lyon Horrern**
Exchange Teacher
Farewell Events for the Headmaster

Over the coming months there will be several opportunities for members of the school community to come together to mark the twenty years of leadership of Macarthur Anglican School by the

HEADMASTER, RILEY WARREN AM

Please note these dates in your diary.

Cocktail Party, 24 October, 2008
Current parents, alumni, former families, staff and former staff (no children please). This will be a relaxed evening, commencing at 6.00pm in the Chapel precinct on the Cobbitty Campus. Booking for this event will be essential. There will be a cost of $30.00 per head for this event which may be forwarded to the Macarthur Accounts Office.

Farewell Concert, 28 November, 2008
This concert will feature current and former students. Members of the Macarthur community of all ages are welcome to enjoy this evening, which will be in the Macarthur Gymnasium and will commence at 7.00pm.

Thanksgiving Service, 30 November, 2008
All members of the Macarthur community are invited to give thanks for the work of Mr Warren at this service which will be held in the Macarthur Gymnasium at 10.00am.

Speech Night, 9 December, 2008
This evening will provide the final opportunity for the Macarthur community to offer their thanks to the Headmaster and Mrs Warren,

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The annual visit by students of our sister school, Nihon University the Third High School, will take place from Tuesday 5 to Monday 18 August - a total of 13 nights. We are looking for several families to accommodate a group of 21 students - 10 boys and 11 girls. To help defray the costs in accommodating a student, families are paid an amount of $25 per night, a total of $325 per student for the duration of the stay.

The teachers of Nihon University the Third High School prefer single placement of their students so that they have plenty of opportunities to practise speaking English.

If you can assist please contact our Receptionist, Mrs Karen Alchin on 4647 5333. She will provide you with further information.

Robert Sim
Registrar

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FOR YOUR DIARY

June
14 PFA Trivia Night
16 Middle School and Senior School Public Speaking Finals
20 Foundation Day
24 Infants School Athletics Carnival
26 Middle School and Senior School Athletics Carnival
27 End of Autumn Term

July
8-12 Interschool Skiing/Boarding Competition
12-15 Scots/Redlands Cup Ski Competition
14-16 Oliver! full day Rehearsals
21-25 Year 6 Queensland Outreach
28-31 Oliver Musical Performances

August
1-2 Oliver Musical Performances
4 Scholarship Presentation Evening
Trial HSC exams begin
5 PFA Term Forum
7 Infants School and Junior School Parent/Teacher Night
8-10 Year 12 Leadership Camp